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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

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SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Staging Facility
for CHALICE/ [REDACTED] Operations

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1. It appears to me that no matter how the dice may roll as far as our leasehold at [REDACTED] is concerned, we will be planning to conduct staging operations out of [REDACTED] in the next quarter.

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2. In view of the various delays we are experiencing in getting into position to brief the [REDACTED] I would suggest that it might be appropriate to open the question of modifications to a hangar at [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] now so that we might pick up some lead time in obtaining necessary approvals from the Government there to actually do the work. As you know, conducting a construction operation in the [REDACTED] and especially on a Government facility, is fraught with considerable delay and red tape.

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3. [REDACTED] at the moment lacks gainful CHALICE employment. He is currently working on short-range projects with Real Estate and Construction Division, pending his occupation in our behalf. He has already pinpointed the hangar we will use at [REDACTED] and has given us a rough estimate of some \$35,000 for the work to be performed - mostly in the area of increasing indoor lighting, putting up partitions and making adjustments to power supplies. It is probable that we might be able to get [REDACTED] personnel to supervise the work.

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4. Being somewhat congenitally opposed to continued Frank Merriwell finishes which, in the case of construction, call for fearful overtime costs, I believe we might well proceed to broach this matter to the [REDACTED] now. Accordingly, if you concur, I will

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draft a cable to [REDACTED] for relay to [REDACTED] setting forth the proposal. Then on our way back to the ZI from [REDACTED] within the next two weeks, we would be in a position to sit down in [REDACTED] and discuss whatever plans might then be ready for action. Perhaps a concrete move in the direction of starting construction at [REDACTED] might have the obvious side-benefit of jogging the [REDACTED] into realization that we mean business and that time is moving us toward our operational readiness date.

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[REDACTED]
Director of Administration
DPS/DCI

CONCUR with recommendation paragraph 4:

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